

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 9th day of March 2021, at the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom:

Present: Brian Stanley, District 1, Chairman
Eurika Tyree, District 3, Vice-Chairman
Ron Tavernier, District 2
Gene Brooks, District 4
Robert Saunders, Jr., District 5
Don Unmussig, County Administrator
Jennifer Crews, Finance Director
Brian Butler, County Attorney
Stephany Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Absent: None

1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Deputy Clerk, Stephany Johnson, called the roll.

3. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman.

4. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks and seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

5. State and Local Departments/Agencies

a. Cumberland County Public Schools

Dr. Jones gave the following update to the Board:

- Thank you to families and community for their support of the Schools.
- They conducted their first Covid-19 vaccination clinic for the school staff and have a follow up clinic scheduled for March 26th. Thank you to the Health Department and Nurses for helping with arranging.
- Poster contest winner for the Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District was CHS student Lillian MaConley. She won first place at the local, state and national levels. Her poster may be used by the National Association of Conservation Districts for education material.
- Two students made All Regional Band, Michael Ross and Jack Williamson.
- Pre-K Registration is April 15-16, April 23 and April 29th.
- Three students; T Scott, M Scruggs and E Ayres presented with Dr. Almond on Dukes Discover at the WELV Conference.
- CuCPS Spelling Bee winner was Peyton Turner.
- CCES re-did the Home Living kitchen area in recognition of Ms. Lucy Barley who worked for the school for over 40 years.
- CuCPS referenced in the book "Making It – What Today's kids need for tomorrow's world" by Stephanie Krauss.
- Shoutout to class of 1985 Alumni David Cochran for being named Brigadier General for the West VA National Guard.
- Shoutout to class of 2016 Alumni Ahkiya Allen for being VCOM student moderator on discussion regarding health disparities that affect minority communities.
- Dr. Jones has been chosen as the Superintendent to participate in the No Kids Hungry town hall.
- CCES School Nutrition is excited to use new ovens purchased thanks to grant from VDOE.

- Junior Class had opportunity to earn their National Career Readiness Credential.
- Welcomed new CSA, David Sargent.

b. VDOT

There was not a representative from VDOT present.

c. Cumberland Public Library

Mrs. Lisa Davis, Librarian, provided the Board with the following report:

- Provided new brochures.
- Notary services available.
- Financial Management Class is currently being offered via electronic meeting
- Digital access lockers available for after hours pick up.
- Additional classes and DVD courses available.

6. Public Hearing Notices/Set Public Hearings

a. Set Public Hearing for CA 21-02 Solar Ordinance Revisions for March 9, 2021

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks and seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, the Board set Public Hearing for CA 21-02 Solar Ordinance Revisions for March 9, 2021.

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

- b. Set the following Public Hearings for April 6, 2021:
- i. Proposed 2021 Tax Rate
 - ii. Proposed FYE22 Budget

iii. Proposed CIP 2021-22 thru 2025-26

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier and seconded by Supervisor Saunders, the Board Set the following Public Hearings for April 6, 2021.

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

- c. Set the following for Public Hearing on April 13, 2021
 - i. CA 21-03 Chapter 38 Fire Prevention and Fire Protection and Emergency Services Ordinance Revisions.

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders and seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, the Board set Public Hearing for CA 21-03 Chapter 38 Fire Prevention and Fire Protection and Emergency Services Ordinance Revisions for April 13, 2021.

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

7. Public Hearings

- a. CA 21-02 Solar Ordinance Revisions

County Administrator, Mr. Don Unmussig advised the Board that when the current ordinance was approved, soon after they received a lot of interest from solar companies. Which then brought up some issues with the ordinance. Mr. Unmussig stated that the current ordinance allowing solar farms includes district R3 and that should not be included. The only R3 district is the village of Cartersville. He also added that there may be more changes needed in the future as more guidance comes from the State and to ensure our citizens and the County is protected from the possibility of a bad experience with these solar farms.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Chairman commented that he agreed, we need to protect the citizens from these companies who are dangling these large amounts of money in front of them and the County will end up looking like a large checker board.

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Brooks, the Board approved the CA 21-02 Solar Ordinance revisions:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

8. County Administrator Report

a. Consent Agenda

- 1) Approval of Bills
- 2) Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2021, February 23, 2021, and February 25, 2021

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

- ### **b. Letter of Support requested – Buckingham Cattleman's Association application for grant funds.**

County Administrator, Don Unmussig, advised that the Buckingham Cattleman's Association is in the grant process and

had reached out to all the neighboring Counties to write a letter of support of their association.

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the Resolution, and approved the :

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

c. Appointment Planning & Zoning Administrator

County Administrator, Don Unmussig advised that current Planning and Zoning Administrator, Ms. Chelsey White, had left to take a position in Prince Edward County and wanted to appoint Mrs. Stephany Johnson as the new Planning & Zoning Administrator.

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Saunders and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Mrs. Stephany Johnson as the Planning & Zoning Administrator.

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

9. **Finance Director's Report**

a. Monthly budget Report

There was no discussion regarding this item.

b. Request for appropriation of - \$186.22 revenue generated by the sale of animal friendly license plates by DMV:

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, and seconded by Supervisor Saunders, the Board approved the appropriation of \$186.22 revenue generated by the sale of animal friendly license plates by DMV to Local Animal Shelter Organization for the use of spaying and neutering programs:

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

- c. Request for appropriation - \$5,143.20 from Clerk of Circuit Court

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Brooks, the Board approved the request for appropriation of \$5,143.20 from the Clerk of Circuit Court:

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

10. Planning Director's Report

N/A

11. County Attorney's Report

N/A

12. Old Business

N/A

13. New Business

N/A

14. Public Comments

Elaine Whitley stated that where the roundabout is going is a historic location and she suggested that it be moved to a different location.

Ann Sayles stated that she lives in Powhatan but owns the Parker House in Cartersville, the home is 110 years old. She also suggested the roundabout be moved.

Shelly Riddle stated that she was there to speak against the roundabout. She stated there is a list of other places it should be and asked the Board to reconsider.

Bill Bruce stated that people reach out to him to get involved. He had an affidavit with from the County with Kevin Ingle's signature. There was a public notice on May 1st in the Farmville Herald, and not everyone gets the Herald. Vivian Giles along with others signed a contract for the roundabout. There was a VODT meeting held that had "so many people" and according to Farmville Herald there were 25 people. They have been out and collected pages of signatures from Cartersville residents that do not want the roundabout. The Board has the power to stop the project. It was not put up for a vote nor was there a Board meeting. He emailed VDOT and the Board has the power to pull the application.

Betty Myer stated that the phrase government for the people by the people does not apply in Cumberland county. Attended the December Board Workshop and things were done behind closed doors, the landfill, plastic center and the roundabout. Citizens have the right to know what's going on. Green Ridge send mailers out about funding for 3 parks, when was this discussed, seemed like a bribe. Makes a person question who is in charge of the County.

Michelle West stated her concerns about her neighbor who has set up a shooting range in their yard. The neighbor shoots at all times and very close to their property. It is very unsafe for her and her family. She is fearful for her and her grandchildren. She has contacted the authorities but nothing has been done.

15. Board Member Comments

Chairman Stanley stated that they all have been taking notes during the public comments so they can address the comments in the appropriate manner. They will discuss with County administrator and others and address them at the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Tavernier questioned if the house effected by the roundabout is a historic place. Anne Sayles replied that it was not, but could be.

Chairman Stanley stated that he wanted to make it clear that the Hamilton School would not be affected by the roundabout. And that it was mentioned that business would be closed due to the roundabout and that is not the case. They received information on the roundabout when they were sworn in, he took that information to the effected business so he could be as transparent as possible about the roundabout.

16. Additional Information

a) Treasurer's Report

County Administrator Don Unmussig advised that several of the Board member requested he give a breakdown of the outstanding collections report. The reports go back as far as 2006, and total \$1,561,478.34 in uncollected taxes. Mr. Unmussig made a recommendation to the Board that the Treasurer submit a plan to them on how to collect these funds.

County Attorney, Brian Butler advised that taxes have to be 3 years delinquent before a property can go for auction and they can not collect on anything that is over 20 years past due.

The Board discussed and agreed that they would like County Administrator to reach out to the Treasurer about the collection of past due taxes.

b) DMV Report

County Administrator Don Unmussig advised the Board that the County DMV office is probably the busiest in the area. They have people coming as far as Virginia Beach, they are operating on an appointment only schedule and all appointment times are full.

- c) 2020 Annual Business License Report
- d) Monthly Building Inspections Report
- e) Approved Planning Commission meeting minutes – N/A
- f) Approved EDA meeting minutes – N/A
- g) Cumberland 4-H monthly update – N/A
- h) Cumberland Community Cares/Delma's Food Pantry/Cumberland Path monthly update – N/A

17. Adjourn -

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Brooks, the Board adjourned the meeting until the next meeting of the Board to be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 6, 2021 in the Board meeting Room located at 1 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, Virginia.

Brian Stanley, Chairman

Don Unmussig, County Administrator